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U.S. readies second attempt at speedy border asylum screenings

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — President Joe Biden scrapped expedited asylum screenings during his first month in office as part of a gutting of Trump administration border policies that included building a wall with Mexico. Now he's preparing his own version.

Donald Trump's fast-track reviews drew sharp criticism from internal government watchdog agencies as the percentage of people who passed those "credible fear interviews" plummeted. But the Biden administration has insisted its speedy screening for asylum-seekers is different: Interviews will be done exclusively by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, not by

Border Patrol agents, and everyone will have access to legal counsel.

The decision to use fast-track screenings comes as COVID-19 asylum restrictions are set to expire on May 11 and the U.S. government prepares for an expected increase in illegal crossings from Mexico. The Texas border cities of El Paso, Laredo and Brownsville have declared local states of emergency in recent days to prepare for the anticipated influx.

Normally, about three in four migrants pass credible fear interviews, though far fewer eventually win asylum. But during the five months of the Trump-era program, only 23% passed the initial screening, while 69% failed and 9% with-

drew, according to the Government Accountability Office.

Those who get past initial screenings are generally freed in the United States to pursue their cases in immigration court, which typically takes four years. Critics say the court backlog encourages more people to seek asylum.

To pass screenings, migrants must convince an asylum officer they have a "significant possibility" of prevailing before a judge on arguments that they face persecution in their home countries on grounds of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a social group.

Under the Biden administration's fast-track program,



Migrants who crossed the border from Mexico into the U.S. wait next to the U.S. border wall where U.S. Border Patrol agents stand guard, seen from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Thursday, March 30, 2023.

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those who don't qualify will be deported "in a matter of days or just a few weeks," Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said Thursday.

The expedited screenings will be applied only to single adults, Mayorkas said. Despite the administration's assurances that people will have access to legal services, some immigrant advocates who were briefed by the administration are doubtful. Katherine Hawkins, senior legal analyst at the Project on Government Oversight, noted that advocates were told attorneys would not be allowed inside holding facilities.

The Trump administration used fast-track reviews from October 2019 until March 2020, when it began using a 1944 public health law known as Title 42 to expel immigrants on the grounds of preventing the spread of COVID-19. The speedy screenings were among Trump-era immigration policies that Biden rolled back in a February 2021 executive order.

Unlike the Trump administration, the Biden administration won't limit migrants to just one phone call. But it's unclear how many calls U.S. authorities can facilitate, especially if there is no answer and attorneys call back, Hawkins said.

Screenings initially will be limited to Spanish-speaking countries to which the U.S. has regular deportation flights, accord-

ing to Hawkins and others briefed. The administration began limited screening this month in Donna, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley, and later expanded to large tents in other border cities, including San Diego; Yuma, Arizona; and El Paso, Texas.

Mayorkas, a former federal prosecutor, didn't speak in detail about access to legal counsel in remarks Thursday about a broad strategy that, in addition to the screenings, includes processing centers in Guatemala, Colombia and potentially elsewhere for people to come legally to the U.S. through an airport. "We have expanded our holding capacity and set up equipment and procedures so that individuals have the ability to access counsel," Mayorkas said.

The Homeland Security Department's inspector general took issue with lack of legal representation under Trump's expedited screening. There were four cordless phones for migrants to share when screenings began in El Paso. Guards took them to a shack to consult attorneys.

Phone booths were later installed but didn't have handsets for safety reasons, forcing migrants to speak loudly and within earshot of people outside, the inspector general said.

Facilities built under Biden are more spacious with plenty of phone booths, according to people who have visited. □

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Americans fault news media for dividing nation: AP-NORC poll

By DAVID KLEPPER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to the news media and the impact it's having on democracy and political polarization in the United States, Americans are likelier to say it's doing more harm than good.

Nearly three-quarters of U.S. adults say the news media is increasing political polarization in this country, and just under half say they have little to no trust in the media's ability to report the news fairly and accurately, according to a new survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights. The poll, released before World Press Freedom Day on Wednesday, shows Americans have significant concerns about misinformation — and the role played by the media itself along with politicians and social media companies in spreading it — but that many are also concerned about growing threats to journalists' safety.

"The news riles people up," said 53-year-old Barbara Jordan, a Democrat from Hutchinson, Kansas. Jordan said she now does her own online research instead of going by what she sees on the TV news. "You're better off Googling something and learning about it. I trust the internet more than I do the TV."

That breakdown in trust may prompt many Ameri-



Former Vice President Mike Pence, center, talks to reporters after speaking at a parents rights rally on Feb. 15, 2023, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Associated Press

cans to reject the mainstream news media, often in favor of social media and unreliable websites that spread misleading claims and that can become partisan echo chambers, leading to further polarization. While a slim majority of Americans say they have some degree of confidence in the news media's ability to report the news fully and fairly, only 16% say they are very confident. Forty-five percent say they have little to no confidence at all.

The survey reveals the complicated relationship many Americans have with the media: A majority rate in-depth and investigative reporting as very helpful

or extremely helpful for understanding the issues they care about, but they are more likely to say they regularly scan the headlines than read an in-depth investigative article. And while overall trust in the media is low, a majority of respondents say the media is doing at least somewhat well in covering issues they care about.

Four in 10 say the press is doing more to hurt American democracy, while only about 2 in 10 say the press is doing more to protect it. An additional 4 in 10 say neither applies.

Partisan cable news outlets and social media platforms have driven the problem by conditioning many Ameri-

cans to see one another as enemies, said Joe Salegna, a Republican who lives on Long Island, New York.

"I think it's tearing this country apart," Salegna, 50, told the AP. "Since the 2016 election I think it's gotten a lot worse."

Republicans view the news media less favorably than Democrats, with 61% of Republicans saying the news media is hurting democracy, compared with 23% of Democrats and 36% of independents who don't lean toward either party. Majorities across party lines say the news media fuels political division, but Republicans are much more likely than Democrats to say that's happening a lot.

And more Republicans think the news is strongly influenced by the U.S. government and the political views of journalists.

Coverage of recent presidential elections, the coronavirus pandemic, protests against police killings of Black Americans and other events convinced Janis Fort that the media can't be believed. One station will cover a story that others ignore, she said, leaving viewers not sure whom to trust.

"Everyone tells a different story. The media does nothing but stir up fear," said Fort, a retired 71-year-old Republican who lives in Navarre, Florida. "For me, and for most of the people I know, we feel like we're totally in the dark."

Research has shown that fragmentation of the media ecosystem, driven largely by the internet, has contributed to polarization. Experts say America's heightened political divisions have a number of causes — gerrymandering that reduces political competition, for example, or politicians who stoke fear and distrust — but media fragmentation and misinformation are making a clear impact, too.

"We should be concerned for the health of democracy," said Joshua Tucker, a political scientist at New York University who studies partisanship and co-directs NYU's Center for Social Media. □

Bill would allow 14-year-olds to serve alcohol in Wisconsin

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Fourteen-year-olds in Wisconsin could serve alcohol to seated customers in bars and restaurants under a bill circulated for cosponsors Monday by a pair of Republican state lawmakers. Under current law, only workers age 18 and above can serve alcohol to customers in Wisconsin. The bill would broaden that to workers ages 14 to 17. They

could only serve to seated customers, not drinkers who are at the bar itself.

The current age limit on serving alcohol "causes workforce issues due to an establishment's underage employees only being able to do part of their job," the bill sponsors Sen. Rob Stafsholt, of New Richmond, and Rep. Chanz Green, of Grandview, said in a memo circulated Monday seeking cosponsors.

They said their idea "creates a simple solution" to the state's workforce shortage problems in the food and beverage industry. The bill requires the licensed operator of the bar or restaurant be on the premises and supervising.

Although no one under the age of 21 can legally drink alcohol, those under 21 — including minors of any age — in Wisconsin can drink in bars and restaurants if they



Patrons sit in a hotel bar in Eau Claire, Wis., May 1, 2019.

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are with their parents. If the proposal passes, Wisconsin would have the lowest age limit for workers

allowed to serve alcohol, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. □

Tornadoes in Virginia and Florida, flooding in other states

By BEN FINLEY

Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va (AP)

— A rare and powerful tornado sent residents of a coastal city in Virginia fleeing for cover over the weekend as it peeled roofs from buildings and pushed homes from their foundations.

It was the most powerful tornado ever to hit Virginia Beach, Virginia, officials confirmed Monday. No one was reported injured, despite few residents being prepared for tornadoes. Several people described taking cover under stairwells; most lack basements because the water table is so high.

Wreckage from destructive weather dotted the U.S. Monday as officials took stock of unrelated tornadoes and flooding damage from over the weekend, stretching from Florida to Maine.

In Virginia Beach, residents credited a cellphone warning system for helping them take shelter in time. One family escaped injuries by reacting to a weather alert that came less than a minute before the tornado hit. "It just happened suddenly," Lori Camper said. "The whole thing lasted 10 seconds."

She and her visiting daughter looked out the window and saw the trees bending in the wind and ran. The family, including Camper's



A vehicle is crushed by a fallen tree on N Great Neck Road in Virginia Beach, Va., on Sunday, April 30, 2023 as a result of a strong storm that ripped through the area.

Associated Press

grandchildren, aged 2 years and 5 weeks, as well as two dogs, ran into a stairwell — the only place without windows.

"Then all the windows blew out in the kitchen and sucked everything out of the kitchen and a tree fell through the roof," Camper said. "And now one side of the house is leaning."

She hadn't experienced a tornado that strong in the 19 years she had lived there.

"I'm grateful," she said. "God took care of us."

No injuries were reported. Elsewhere, officials were assessing damage Monday in West Virginia, Maine,

Florida and California. The National Weather Service confirmed a Saturday tornado in Florida. And high water on the Mississippi River is testing flood defenses in Iowa and Illinois as the river crests in the area Monday. West Virginia's eastern mountains could see up to 8 inches (20 centimeters) of snow Tuesday morning as a rare May winter storm moves through, forecasters said. The snow won't help the area's ski resorts, which had already closed for the season.

In California, a late-season weather system brought showers and the possibility of high-elevation snow in

the Sierra Nevada through the week. Fears of flooding shut down of parts of Yosemite Valley over the weekend. But the National Park Service said the Merced River did not rise as much as expected and the valley reopened on Monday. In Maine, heavy rain and powerful wind gusts knocked out power for more than 50,000 homes and businesses on Monday morning. Wind gusts of up to 70 mph (115 kph) were reported Sunday near Martinic Island, about 20 miles offshore, and up to 65 mph (100 kph) onshore in Bath, where Navy shipbuilder Bath Iron Works has

numerous cranes. Rainfall approaching 5 inches (13 centimeters) also led to flood warnings on several rivers in parts of southern Maine.

The Virginia Beach tornado destroyed at least 100 buildings, tearing through them with wind speeds as high as 150 mph (240 kph), officials assessing the wreckage and weather data said Monday. The National Weather Service's Wakefield, Virginia, office confirmed Monday morning that the tornado was rated at EF-3, with wind estimates of 140 mph (225 kph) to 150 mph (240 kph). It's the first tornado to be rated that high, according to NOAA records, with wind gusts exceeding those of the largest hurricanes recorded around the city.

A.T. Price, 73, was at his stove making tacos Sunday when his phone started to buzz with severe weather alerts. At first, he pooh-poohed it.

"But it kept buzzing and buzzing. I checked it again and it says, 'Immediate danger. Tornado down,'" Price said. He dove into the closet below his first-floor stairwell, crouching into a fetal position under his winter coats.

"I heard the freight-train sound, and it sounded like it was going right over the house," Price said. "I would tell people to heed those alerts." □ Virginia Beach Di-

At least 6 people dead in Illinois highway windstorm



Smoke billows after a crash involving at least 20 vehicles shut down a highway in Illinois, Monday, May 1, 2023.

Associated Press

By JOHN O'CONNOR

Associated Press

DIVERNON, Ill. (AP) — A windstorm in southern Illinois kicked up dangerous clouds of blinding dust off farm fields Monday, causing numerous crashes and killing at least six people on Interstate 55, police said.

The late morning crashes involved 40 to 60 cars and multiple tractor-trailers, two of which caught fire, Illinois State Police Maj. Ryan Starrick said.

At least six people died, he said.

I-55 was shut down in both directions in Montgomery County, 75 miles (120 kilo-

meters) north of St. Louis. Starrick told reporters that it was a spring version of a "whiteout situation" typically seen in winter snowstorms.

"The cause of the crashes is due to excessive winds blowing dirt from farm fields across the highway, leading to zero visibility," he said. Winds at the time were gusting between 35 mph (56 kph) and 45 mph (74 kph), the National Weather Service said.

"It's very flat, very few trees," meteorologist Chuck Schaffer said. "It's

been very dry across this area really for the last three weeks. The farmers are out there tilling their fields and planting. The top layer of soil is quite loose."

Starrick said more than 30 people were transported to hospitals with injuries following the crashes, which occurred in both the southbound and northbound lanes. He said I-55 would be closed until late morning or early afternoon Tuesday.

The Auburn Travel Center in Divernon was established as a reunification spot for travelers. □

U.S. House speaker in Knesset amid fraught U.S.-Israel ties

By ILAN BEN ZION and TIA GOLDENBERG

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — The U.S. House speaker addressed Israel's parliament on Monday, a rare honor awarded to the highest-ranking Republican in U.S. politics at a time of fraught relations between Israel's government and Democratic President Joe Biden.

Speaker Kevin McCarthy and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu portrayed the speech as a nod to bipartisan U.S. support for Israel as it marks 75 years since its creation. Critics say the platform given to McCarthy — he's only the second House speaker to address the Knesset, after Newt Gingrich in 1998 — is a pointed jab at Biden.

McCarthy spoke to the Knesset, greeted by frequent applause and a standing ovation, as lawmakers returned from a month-long recess. They are expected to resume the fight over a contentious plan, promoted by the most right-wing government in Israel's history, to overhaul the judiciary.

The plan has split Israelis and drawn a rare public rebuke from Biden. Amid the tensions, Biden has so far denied Netanyahu a typically customary invitation to the White House after his election win late last year. In a challenge to Biden, McCarthy said Monday he expects the White House "to invite the prime minister over for a meeting, especially with the 75th anniversary" of Israel's independence. He said he would invite Netanyahu to speak to Congress if Biden doesn't.

McCarthy's visit to Israel was another sign of the gradual transformation of Israel from a bipartisan matter into a wedge issue in U.S. politics. The trend goes back more than a decade, when Netanyahu began openly siding with Republicans against Democrats. In parallel, some younger progressive Democrats have become increasingly



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, speaks as U.S. Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, right, listens during a session of the Knesset, Israel's parliament in Jerusalem, Monday, May 1, 2023.

Associated Press

critical of Israeli policies, including the treatment of Palestinians.

McCarthy addressed the Knesset at a time when both Republicans and Democrats are steeling for presidential nomination races. Republicans are seeking to present themselves to voters, especially to evangelical Christians, as the best ally to Israel.

McCarthy and Netanyahu met face to face ahead of the Knesset address and the Republican lavished praise on the Israeli leader, saying his "leadership, character and courage" inspire Americans.

The Californian said the the U.S. "cherishes its unbreakable bond" with Israel, pledged continued funding for security assistance, and said the countries must "remain resolute in our commitment that Iran will never acquire a nuclear weapon."

In Washington, White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby sidestepped questions about McCarthy's suggestion that he could invite Netanyahu to speak to Congress separate of a White House visit. Kirby said that he expected Netanyahu would visit the White House at some point but said no visit was

planned at the moment. "I think we've seen Speaker McCarthy's comments and we'll let him speak to those comments and whatever his intentions are," Kirby said. "What I can speak to is the longstanding unwavering support the President Biden has already provided to the people in Israel over many, many decades of public service."

Before the parliament recess, Netanyahu had paused judicial overhaul plans under intense pressure, which has included large weekly protests, a labor strike and threats by military reservists to stop showing up for duty. Biden waded into the criticism, saying Netanyahu "cannot continue down this road." While Netanyahu and Biden have known each other for decades, their relationship has soured since Netanyahu returned to office late last year after a brief break as opposition leader. The Biden administration has voiced unease about Netanyahu's government, made up of ultra-nationalists who were once at the fringes of Israeli politics and now hold senior positions dealing with the Palestinians and other sensitive issues.

Over the years, Netanya-

hu, a lifelong conservative with American-accented English and deep ties to the U.S., hasn't hidden his Republican leanings even as he's spoken of the importance of keeping Israel a bipartisan issue. In 2015, he delivered a speech to Congress against the Iran nuclear deal which was widely seen as a slight against the Obama administration, which negotiated the agreement. He was accused of backing Republican Mitt Romney's candidacy for president and was one of President Donald Trump's closest international supporters.

That Republican tilt has tested ties with American Jews, most of whom lean Democratic.

Eytan Gilboa, an expert on U.S.-Israel relations, said there's been "serious damage" to Israel's ties to Washington, and that Netanyahu himself "broke the bipartisanship" surrounding Israel. The McCarthy visit, he said, was a way for both Republicans and Netanyahu to stick it to Biden.

"Netanyahu thinks that if McCarthy visits here it will put pressure on the White House to invite him," Gilboa said. "Republicans are fighting over who's the greatest supporter of Israel." □

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Erdogan says Turkish forces killed IS chief in Syria

By **SUZAN FRASER** and **ABBY SEWELL**

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) —

The leader of the Islamic State group was killed in an operation by Turkish intelligence teams in northern Syria, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced. Turkey's state media said the IS leader blew himself up to avoid capture.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan told TRT Turk television in an interview late Sunday that the IS leader known as Abu Hussein al-Qurayshi died on Saturday, following a lengthy pursuit by the Turkish intelligence agency, MIT.

"We will continue our struggle against terrorist organizations," Erdogan said in the interview, without elaborating. The Islamic State group has so far not confirmed the death of its leader.

A member of the Turkish-backed Syrian opposition forces' military police told The Associated Press that the MIT clashed with IS militants on a farm in the village of Miska in Aleppo province late Friday night. As the fighting intensified, al-Qurayshi, who was hiding in a building on the farm, blew himself up, the



Turkish President and People's Alliance's presidential candidate Recep Tayyip Erdogan gestures to supporters during an election campaign rally in Ankara, Sunday, April 30, 2023

Associated Press

military police member said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment to the media.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based opposition war monitor, said Turkish drones flew over the area and Turkish-backed Syrian opposition groups, alerted by Ankara, closed off roads leading to the where the clashes were taking place.

Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency said as the Turk-

ish agents closed in on him after a four-hour operation, al-Qurayshi detonated his suicide vest. The IS leader was at a house with an underground bunker in the Jinderes region and did not respond to calls for him to surrender, the agency said, quoting unnamed security officials.

After Turkish agents broke into the building, al-Qurayshi blew himself up realizing he would be caught, the report said. Anadolu added that al-Qurayshi

had been frequently on the move.

Turkey has conducted numerous operations against IS militants and Kurdish rebels in Syria's border areas. Turkey controls large swaths of territory in northern Syria, following several land incursions to drive Kurdish groups away from the border.

IS has carried out a string of deadly attacks in Turkey, including a shooting at an Istanbul night club on Jan. 1, 2017 which killed 39 people

during New Year celebrations. Abu Hussein al-Qurayshi was named IS leader after its previous chief was killed in October. He took over at a time when IS had long lost control of the territory it once held in Iraq and Syria. However, IS has been trying to rise again, with sleeper cells carrying out deadly attacks in both countries.

Islamic State founder Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was hunted down by U.S. forces in a raid in northwest Syria in October 2019. His successor, Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi, was killed in a similar raid in February 2022. He was followed by Abu al-Hassan al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi, who according to the U.S. military was killed in mid-October in an operation by Syrian rebels in Syria's southern province of Daraa, after which the latest leader took over, Abu Hussein al-Qurayshi. None of the al-Qurayshis are believed to be related. Al-Qurayshi is not their real name but comes from Quraish, the name of the tribe to which Islam's Prophet Muhammad belonged. IS claims its leaders hail from this tribe and "al-Qurayshi" serves as part of an IS leader's nom de guerre. □

U.N. agency suspends food aid to Ethiopia's Tigray amid theft



A worker walks next to a pile of sacks of food earmarked for the Tigray and Afar regions in a warehouse of the World Food Programme (WFP) in Semera, the regional capital for the Afar region, in Semera, Ethiopia, Feb. 21, 2022.

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NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The

United Nations food relief agency has suspended aid deliveries to Ethiopia's northern Tigray region amid an internal investigation into the theft of food meant for hungry people, according to four humanitarian workers.

The World Food Program is responsible for delivering food from the U.N. and other partners to Tigray, the center of a devastating two-year civil war that ended with a ceasefire in November.

More than 5 million of the region's 6 million people rely on aid.

WFP informed its humanitarian partners on April 20 that it was temporarily suspending deliveries of food to Tigray amid reports of

food misappropriation, one of the four humanitarian workers told AP. Three other aid workers confirmed this information. They all insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to a journalist on this matter.

Last month, AP reported that the WFP was investigating cases of food misappropriation and diversion in Ethiopia, where a total of 20 million people need humanitarian help due to drought and conflict.

A letter sent by the WFP's Ethiopia director on April 5 asked humanitarian partners to share "any information or cases of food misuse, misappropriation or diversion that you are aware of or that are brought to

your attention by your staff, beneficiaries or local authorities."

At the time, two aid workers told AP that the stolen supplies included enough food to feed 100,000 people. The food was discovered missing from a warehouse in the Tigray city of Sheraro. It was not clear who was responsible for the theft.

Tigray's new interim president, Getachew Reda, said last month he discussed "the growing challenge of diversion & sale of food aid meant for the needy" with senior WFP officials during a visit by the agency to Mekele, the regional capital.

A spokesperson for the WFP in Ethiopia did not immediately respond to a request for comment. □



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King's Day saw many activities around the island

(Oranjestad)—April 27th was the birth day of King Willem-Alexander and this was celebrated all throughout the Dutch kingdom, including Aruba.

There were an abundance of different activities and event around the island. For example, there were various Kite Flying competitions and car shows of classic cars, either customized or preserved in the down town area, where all clubs were invited to exhibit their unique motorcars.



This was the second time this year that the car show was organized—it is also

tradition to have car shows on March 18th, the day of our National Flag and Anthem.



Many people were very excited to enjoy the range of snacks and foods provided around the island, take a trip to see the different activities and celebrate King's Day. This day is very special to the community of Aruba, because "the king will stay our king, so we must celebrate with him," according to a spectator our reporter briefly interviewed. □

The Hilton Aruba Caribbean Hotel & Casino dedicated to community service

(Oranjestad)—The Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino launched an internal culture initiative last year designed to increase Hilton's Team-Member involvement with their communities and colleagues.

As part of that resort-wide commitment to local issues and causes, Team-Members decided to participate in volunteer programs, food donation initiatives, clean ups and any other positive social impact response, once a month, one resort-department at a time.

This week it was the Accounting Department's turn. Following the request by a PE teacher and Swim Coach, Team Members showed up at the crack of dawn, 5:30am, in San Nicolas, at the Abraham de Veer public school, to prep food

and beverage for the annual Sport Day, catering for the need of more than 270 students, educators and staffers, with anything from sandwiches, to cookies, and soft drinks, for an entire day.

Last month, the Front Office and the Kitchen Department undertook two ambitious projects. Front Office Team-Members tackled painting the walls and repairing the ceiling at Colegio Nigel Matthew, while the Kitchen Department went to Fontein Kleuterschool, a kindergarten, where they prepared 100 sandwiches, and 100 chocolate chip cookies, paired with milk, fresh fruit and juices for all kids and faculty members. The young students also received new crayons and small coloring book made in house.



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The Grand Fish Restaurant has an extraordinary menu starting with appetizers, salads and their famous fish soup. The entree dishes

consist of a variety of fresh fish like whole red snapper, fish steak, fish cake, grilled salmon, mixed seafood or seafood rice (paella local style) combined with sides of vegetables, french fries, rice, plantain, the island's traditional 'pan bati' (slapped bread) or funchi (cornmeal cake).

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ORANJESTAD - On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes attended the official presentation of the Port City at the Aruba Ports Authority (APA).

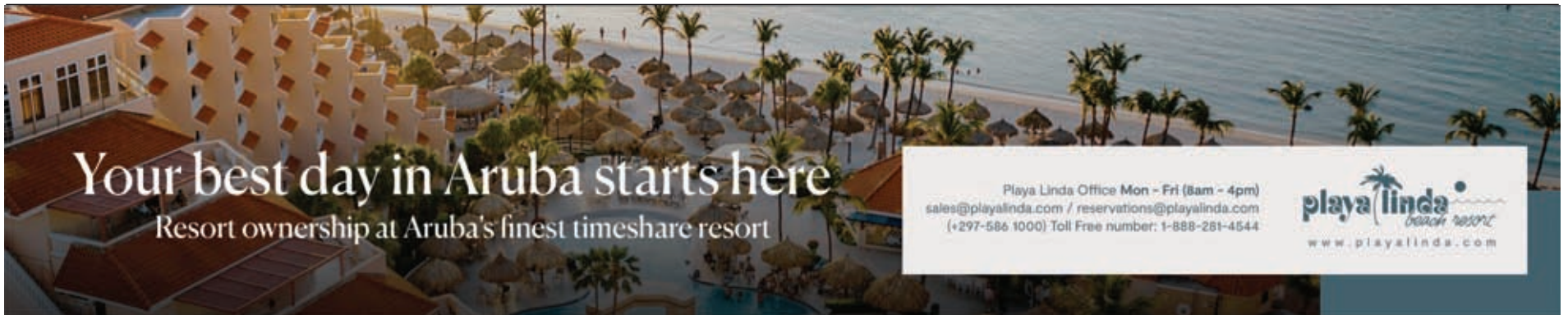
In her speech, the Prime Minister elaborated on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy of Aruba and the actions required to be taken

by the Government to protect those severely affected. Aruba is recovering, and investments like the Port City are valuable for the Aruban economy.

With this project, the private sector will invest around \$500 million, the most substantial investment in the Aruban infrastructure. The APA will invest around \$80 million in public spaces, parking, and recreational

areas. This project will create new economic opportunities and jobs, and generate the foreign exchange needed to fortify Aruba's economy.

The Prime Minister thanks the Minister of Tourism and Public Health, Dangui Oduber, the Aruba Ports Authority (APA), all stakeholders, and the community supporting this project. ☐



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Royal honors 2023

ORANJESTAD - On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 07:00 a.m. (local time), the special edition of the **Government Gazette** was published containing the overview of Royal Honors awarded this year.

Traditionally, this festive moment, also called the General Occasion, is associated with the birthday of His Majesty the King, being the Grand Master of Knighthood. An award may be presented to people who have rendered special service to society.

This year, 10 Aruban citizens will be decorated. The Aruban "Ribbon Rain" will take place on the 26th.

The following persons will be decorated as "Knight of the Order of Orange-Nassau":

Mr. Carlos Juan Benicio Albertus

Mr. Goswino Adolfo Oduber

Mr. Frank Albert Williams

The following individuals will be decorated as 'Members in the Order of Orange-Nassau':

Ms. Diana Margarita Flanders

Mr. Emile André Ignatius Herdé

Mrs. Martiline Louise Hodge-Henry

Mr. Giantonio Angelo Muller

Ms. Angelique Liseth Perez-Kelly

Mrs. Nataly Maria Simmons-Thompson

Ms. Mathilda Juanita Wijnaar



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Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Christopher Davis and Karen Brown from New Hampshire**. They said they are loving their experience on the island. Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

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History of fishing in Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Fishing has been a family tradition for ages in Aruba. Our ancestors used to fish for a living. Even though nowadays you don't see them often we still have some passionate fishermen on the island that go out every day in search for fish to feed their families and serve our local market. One of these fishermen is Gregory Wernet.

The so-called Continental Bank between Aruba and the opposite coast reaches a depth of about 650 feet. The sea is very rich in fish here. Since the time of the indigenous native people fish and other sea creatures such as turtles, octopus squids, conch and many type of crustaceans have formed a means of subsistence for the native Aruban inhabitants. Especially along the west coast of the island where the fishing grounds are settlements of fishermen. Until the arrival of the oil industry Aruban fishermen could supply Aruba's wants. As a source of income, however, fishing did not

amount too much. In the beginning of the 1900's approximately 160 people earn their living in this branch of this industry. Rancho, which stands for a shed, nowadays east Oranjestad, was the head quarter and remains the fishermen's settlement. Savaneta, Noord, Santa Cruz all had their fishermen's villages. At a rough estimate there were about a hundred small fishing boats during that time.

The Arubans were mainly engaged in coastal fishing, using rowing-boats or small sailing-boats, and lines or dragnets and canisters in shallow water. When fishing with deep-sea lines just over the bottom of the sea the boat is kept in place by means of a piece of rock serving as an anchor. The two most important species of fish by far caught in this manner are the pargo or red snappers and a variety of groupers like the mero, jeanpao and the wowo di boyo.

Cruising off the coast the Aruban fisherman patiently waits for a fish willing to



snap at the bait on the drag-line, in nets and traps. Veritable giants are sometimes caught. Barracudas weigh from 9 to 44 pounds and measure from 3 to almost 7 feet. The king-fish has a weight from 22 to 44 pounds; the moclat may tip the scales at 155, whilst garfish, having a length of nine feet, weigh over 132 pounds.

Most fish caught is used for their own consumption, to feed their families and some are being sold in the market to local restaurants.

Fisherman Gregory Wernet Gregory Wernet is a well-known fisherman from Santa Cruz. His father taught him fishing when he was a small child. Gregory has two sons, Jordan and Jordanny, which he taught fishing too, when they were only 3 years old and he takes them fishing with him. Fishing has been a family tradition for quite a long time and even his grandson Willvion of 7 years old is following his grandfather steps. This is the sixth generation of fishermen in their

family.

They go deep sea fishing. There they catch red snapper, grouper and amberjack. They usually fish for 15 hours a day, but now due to the covid-19 measurements they go fishing from 5 in the morning until 8 o'clock at night or even sometimes from 8 at night till 5 in the morning. The day before they prepare all their fishing tools such as the Lines, lures, spears, and load their boat with fishing reels, batteries, fill the gasoline tank, lights and some food and beverages. For bait he uses sardines, squid and the small fish known in Aruba as piskechi. The have two boats they use for fishing. 'Virgen del Valle' which is parked at the pier by the Seaport and 'Padrot' which they have at home.

The fish they catch they take home to their families and they also sell it to their clients. Gregory is proud to be a fisherman. It is a honest and humble job but with it he is able to feed his family even during hard times. It is a very dangerous job and you have to spend many hours on the sea, waiting patiently and risking your life while fighting a big fish and big waves but the adrenaline it brings with it but also just sitting there listening to the sound of the waves and enjoying the marvelous view that nature has to offer is all worth it. □

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Carina Wever: “The future of humanity depends more on collaboration”

For ten years she has been working as a yoga instructor. A few years ago, she founded and organized the Cadushi Festival. She also worked as a journalist and directed a foundation. Now she is finding her life's purpose in a journey of discovery and growth for life, nature, music, art, culture, love, among others. Her name is Carina Wever.

She sat down with our reporter and shared that she lived in the Netherlands for several years and has been in Aruba back in 2008. For some time she has involved herself in different activities such as Cirkel, a place where people went to participate in different workshops, yoga lessons, get-togethers to give support to others, for which she assured that it was just an excuse for people to get together to talk about anything.

In the interview, she expressed that she's always helped pregnant women, which motivated her to do training in New York to become a doula. But wellness was something she has been interested in since childhood, she stated. She has been doing yoga since she was 11 years old and staying active and living a healthy life was something that always had her attention: “that was a trajectory that came very natural to me.”

She organized Cadushi Festival and works with another foundation that organized events for the financial sector. But now she reached a point where she is trying to combine everything in what she does; yoga and events uniting different elements of wellness like movement, breathing exercises, meditation, even nutrition and other healthy habits “that help you get the bigger picture, because to live healthily does not require just one path. I try to combine different elements from my own life experiences which proved successful to me,” she expressed.



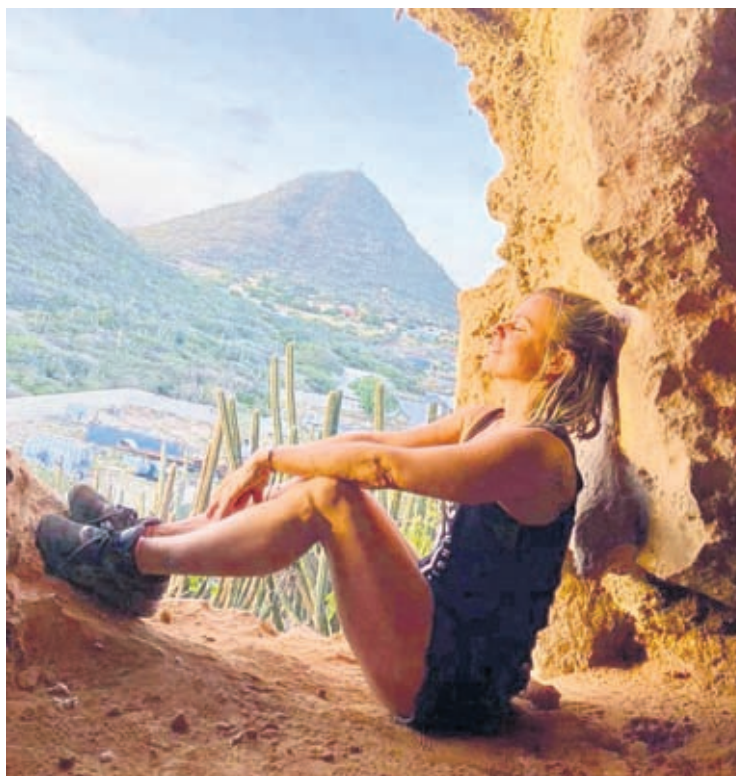
Now she owns a company where they explore different ways to help people reach holistic wellness. There offer different elements to achieve a life with optimal health: “I try to search for collaborations, because I think there are many people that do different things to help other people achieve a healthier lifestyle—including healthy mental well-being, for example through therapy or coaching, nutrition, social work.”

That is how she ended up

taking part in the project Women's Month Uniting Women, along with other empowered women and professionals. Together they organize activities on International Women's Day every year.

“All these people have their own expertise and they all help women with the same goal. They help women become more healthy and stronger. This is why I decided to join the project,” she stated.

In terms of her experience with the project, she shared



that they were very successful “and the most important part was that we received a lot of positive reaction and enthusiasm. People told us that we should do this more often and not just for Women's Day. We all have different ideas and angles, like a financial psychologist, who help people with their spending habits and their overall relationship with money. Some of our members are great coaches too; others give art lessons to people. We have one member who does kickboxing to empower women.”

She further expressed that her and the organization wanted to do a follow up, so they can evaluate how the activities went and to see how they can keep collaborating with other people and organizations, and not just make it a once a month thing: “we want to think of ways to keep joining forces, to keep offering something to people for the rest of the year. This isn't concrete yet but that is our plan.”

But their plan does not only include women, but also men, who since their last activities, have also asked to be a part of these activi-

ties. Wever expressed that “to reach an optimal state of life, I feel like it would be great if we can have Women's day, but also include men in this so that we can do something together, seeing as they there's much of a celebration for their day.”

She wishes that there could be more collaboration between similar people that provide services like this, so that everyone can benefit from them: “From a young age we are taught that boys are stronger; boys don't cry. They have feelings too, but are taught to lock them away and to be strong, and act as if they don't need help or support.”

To finalize, Wever believes that the future of mankind depends more on collaboration: “there are so many people that are doing great things to contribute in a positive way, but a lot of times there is a tendency to only do one's part and be done. I believe that in the future we can really help people in need. That's why it is important to unite. Every person has the right to feel as good as possible, physically, mentally and emotionally.” □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A PARTY WITHOUT CAKE IS REALLY JUST A MEETING. — JULIA CHILD

FDIC recommends raising insured deposit limit for businesses



The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) seal is shown outside its headquarters, March 14, 2023, in Washington.

Associated Press

By SHARON L. LYNCH

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. businesses might be able to secure bank deposit insurance for accounts holding more than \$250,000 if Congress agrees with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s new proposal to ease the industry turmoil that has sparked three bank failures in the past two months.

The FDIC recommended the change Monday, rethinking the decades-old limit and seeking more flexibility to cover higher deposits on a "targeted" basis. Raising the insurance limit for business accounts that pay for company operations such as payroll would shore up accounts that pose the most risk to financial stability, the FDIC said.

The proposed change appears to openly acknowledge that the FDIC is looking for ways to calm both depositors and markets as the agency contends with the third bank run this year. First Republic Bank became the second largest failure in history Monday when regulators seized it and JP Morgan Chase stepped up as a buyer.

"The recent failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, and the decision to approve Systemic

Risk Exceptions to protect the uninsured depositors at those institutions, raised fundamental questions about the role of deposit insurance in the United States banking system," FDIC Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg said in a statement accompanying the regulator's recommendations. The FDIC is a government agency formed during the Great Depression to restore faith in U.S. banking institutions.

As of December, more than 99% of U.S. deposit accounts held less than \$250,000, and so were automatically covered by existing FDIC insurance, Gruenberg said.

However, the system remains subject to the sort of bank runs that brought down First Republic, despite a consortium of big lenders having pooled \$30 billion in cash to stabilize the bank as recently as March.

Last Monday, First Repub-

lic reported its first-quarter results, shocking investors when it revealed that depositors had withdrawn \$100 billion, most in mid-March immediately after Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank failed. First Republic's stock plunged more than 50% the day after the report. U.S. Rep. Patrick McHenry, who leads the House Financial Services Committee, issued a statement Monday noting that the FDIC "used its available tools to resolve First Republic Bank" but the congressman didn't immediately address the agency's recommendations for change. In seeking additional powers to insure business accounts, the FDIC said technological advances both hasten the speed of information and let depositors quickly take their money elsewhere at the first sign of trouble. Both factors can spur "faster, and more costly, bank runs," the agency said. □

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Environmental groups sue FAA over SpaceX Texas rocket launch

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — Wildlife and environmental groups sued the Federal Aviation Administration on Monday over SpaceX's launch last month of its giant rocket from Texas.

SpaceX's Starship soared 24 miles (39 kilometers) high before exploding over the Gulf of Mexico on April 20. The rocket's self-destruct system caused the nearly 400-foot (120-meter) rocket to blow up, as it spun out of control just minutes into the test flight.

An attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity, one of the plaintiffs, said the groups are suing over what they consider to be the FAA's failure to fully consider the environmental impacts of the Starship program near Boca Chica Beach in South Texas. They asked the court to throw out the five-year license the FAA granted to SpaceX. The FAA declined comment, noting it doesn't comment on ongoing litigation. The agency is overseeing the accident investigation and has ordered all SpaceX Starships grounded until it's certain that public safety will not be compromised.

Over the weekend, SpaceX founder and chief executive, Elon Musk, said his company could be ready to launch the next Starship in six to eight weeks with the FAA's OK.

No injuries or significant damage to public property were reported from any of the rocket wreckage or flying pad debris. A large crater was carved into the concrete pad, as most of the rocket's 33 main engines ignited at liftoff.

The launch pad is on a remote site on the southernmost tip of Texas, just below South Padre Island, and about 20 miles from Brownsville.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported last week that large concrete chunks, stainless steel sheets, metal and other objects were hurled thousands of feet (hundreds



SpaceX's Starship turns after its launch from Starbase in Boca Chica, Texas, Thursday, April 20, 2023.

of meters) from the pad. In addition, a plume of pulverized concrete sent material up to 6.4 miles (4 kilometers) northwest of the pad, the service noted.

It was the first launch of a full-size Starship, with the sci-fi-looking spacecraft on top the huge booster rocket. The company plans to use it to send people and cargo to the moon and, ultimately, Mars. NASA wants to use Starship to ferry astronauts to the lunar surface as soon as 2025.

Joining the Center for Biological Diversity in the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, are the American Bird Conservancy, Surfrider Foundation, Save RGV (Rio Grande Valley) and the Carrizo/Comecrudo Nation of Tex-

as.

"It's vital that we protect life on Earth even as we look to the stars in this modern era of spaceflight," the Center for Biological Diversity's Jared Margolis said in a statement. "Federal officials should defend vulnerable wildlife and frontline communities, not give a pass to corporate interests that want to use treasured coastal landscapes as a dumping ground for space waste."

Over the weekend, Musk said changes are being made at the launch pad to avoid what he called a dust storm and "rock tornado" at the next launch.

"To the best of our knowledge there has not been any meaningful damage to the environment that

we're aware of," Musk said. Musk has promised to make improvements to the next Starship before it flies. The self-destruct system will need to be modified, he said, so that the rocket explodes immediately — not 40 seconds or so afterward, as was the case with this inaugural run, he said. □

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Presidents' Trophy curse hits record-setting Boston Bruins

By JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Presidents' Trophy curse was too strong — even for a team coming off the best regular season in NHL history.

After a record-setting year, the Boston Bruins failed to get out of the first round of the playoffs, losing to the Florida Panthers in overtime in seven games on Sunday night.

And suddenly, Boston fans who were eagerly planning for two parades — the Celtics are primed for a long playoff run, too — instead are wondering where this Bruins' collapse ranks among the city's all-time worst.

"It's not the outcome you want, and we're extremely disappointed," said Bruins captain Patrice Bergeron, who teased retirement after last season but returned for one more run at the Stanley Cup. "Especially with the team we had. It's not where we want to be." The Bruins fired coach Bruce Cassidy after a first-round exit last year and replaced him with Jim Montgomery, then coaxed Bergeron and David Krejci away from possible retirement in the hopes of getting a second NHL title in a dozen years. They won 17 of their first 19 games and did not lose in regulation at home until



Boston Bruins' Patrice Bergeron (37) greets teammates as they file off the ice after losing to the Florida Panthers in overtime during Game 7 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup first-round playoff series, Sunday, April 30, 2023, in Boston.

mid-January.

General manager Don Sweeney added Dmitry Orlov and Garnet Hathaway at the trade deadline for toughness. Linus Ullmark developed into a Vezina Trophy runaway as the best goalie in the league, with Jeremy Swayman rotating in for one of the most productive tandems in history. Put it all together and it added up to NHL records of 65 wins and 135 points. But the same playoff disappointment.

"I'm proud of everything we've accomplished with

this group," Bergeron said.

"It's a special group on many levels. The individuals we have ... Obviously, it's far from the outcome that we wanted."

Finishing with the best record in the regular season has become a dubious distinction: Only twice in 20 years has the Presidents' Trophy winner gone on to win the Stanley Cup — most recently a decade ago when the Blackhawks beat Boston in the final. Since then, only one team has made it past the second round.

In other sports, too, regular-season records are no guarantee of playoff success: The 2001 Seattle Mariners won 116 games but didn't even make the World Series, and the 2016 Golden State Warriors broke the NBA record with 73 wins but lost in the finals. And then there's the 2007 New England Patriots, who won all 18 games in the regular season and playoffs before losing in the Super Bowl — a loss that still stings for local sports fans.

"The regular season is very special, with what we were

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able to build together," Bruins forward Brad Marchand said. "At the end of the day, we play the regular season to get a spot in the Stanley Cup playoffs, to play for a Cup, and that's the goal every year is to play for a Cup, not to dominate the regular season. Special, what we built and what we were able to do together, but fell short of our goal."

Next year could look quite different.

Bergeron, who missed the first four games of the series, said he was playing with a herniated disk but did not elaborate on whether the injury would affect his decision to return for another season, when he would turn 38. Krejci wasn't made available for comment.

Bergeron lingered on the ice long after the handshake line, giving the remaining fans a stick wave and ushering his teammates into the tunnel. After a long embrace with Marchand, Bergeron left the rink — perhaps for the last time.

"I'm going to take some time and talk with the family and go from there," the five-time Selke Trophy winner said. "Right now, it's hard to process anything. Obviously, we're shocked and disappointed. So that's it." □

MLB lefty batting average up, game time down 28 minutes



The pitch clock is visible as Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Dean Kremer winds up to deliver during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox, April 24, 2023, in Baltimore, Md.

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Batting

average for left-handed hitters was up 13 percentage points through the first

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full month of the season, an impact of baseball's new rule changes.

The biggest noticeable impact has been when games are ending. Average time of a nine-inning game is 2 hours, 37 minutes, down from 3:05 at the same point last year.

Clubhouse staff and players are getting home while their families are still awake. "It definitely makes life easier," Cleveland's Shane Bieber, the 2020 AL Cy Young Award winner, said Monday.

Boosted by new rules designed to speed play and increase action, stolen bases rose 40% to their highest level in nearly a

quarter-century and scoring increased by 1.1 runs per game.

Pitch clock violations averaged 0.74, and the New York Mets topped the major leagues with 17 while the Los Angeles Dodgers and Detroit tied for the fewest with four each. Of 313 clock violations, 204 were by pitchers, 91 by batters and four by catchers.

In addition, there were five penalties for batter time-outs, eight for pitcher disengagements and one for violation the shirt restrictions. "The data looks really promising so far," Theo Epstein, the former Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs executive who consulted on the

innovations, said Monday. "The game had been veering in a direction where the only way to score was hope for a walk and a homer. And now we're seeing with an increased batting average on balls in play, the increased rate of stolen-base attempts the improved success rate of stolen bases a lot of rallies that start with a single, then you have a stolen base and then you have another single and there's a run. And that's more entertaining."

Limits on infield shifts, a pitch clock and larger bases were implemented in an attempt to counter the impact of the Analytics Era suffocation of offense. □

Truex wins NASCAR race at Dover for 3rd time on a Monday

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. mastered the Monster Mile on a Monday for the third time in his career and the former NASCAR champion snapped a 54-race winless streak overall in the Cup Series at Dover Motor Speedway. Thanks to a race postponed a day because of rain, it was a long weekend sweep for the Truex brothers. Younger brother Ryan Truex won the second-tier Xfinity Series race on Saturday for his first NASCAR victory across all three national series in 188 career starts. Big brother poked his head in Ryan's Toyota as he pulled it into victory lane. Martin appreciated the winning weekend for the family. "It's just special," Truex said. "It was such a big day for our family to see Ryan do that on Saturday." Martin knows how to get to victory lane at Dover. The 2017 Cup champion has the blueprint on how to win at the Monster Mile on a Monday. Truex raced to his first NASCAR Cup win on June 4, 2007, at Dover and 12 years later used another rainout to take the checkered flag on May 6, 2019. Truex also won a regularly scheduled Sunday race here in 2016.

Truex held strong on the outside lane Monday off the final restart to hold off runner-up Ross Chastain by a half-second. Ryan Blaney, William Byron and Denny Hamlin completed the top five. Truex was once of the most dominant drivers in the series, winning a career-best eight times in 2017 and 23 times overall from 2016 to 2019. But the Joe Gibbs Racing driver had been winless since his last Cup victory on Sept. 11, 2021, at Richmond Raceway. Determined to rebound from a winless season, Truex opened his 18th full season with an exhibition victory in the Busch Light Clash in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. He did have three top-10 finishes this season in the No. 19 Toyota, but couldn't find his way to victory lane until Monday. He earned



Martin Truex Jr. (19) races into turn 3 during the NASCAR 400 auto race at Dover Motor Speedway Monday, May 1, 2023, in Dover, Del.

his 32nd career Cup victory and became the 10th driver to win four or more Cup races at Dover.

"It feels nice to get one to come around our way," Truex said.

SO YOU'RE TELLING ME

THERE'S A CHANCE?

Noah Gragson made the cut.

No, not to victory lane, but to his head when he shaved the sides and left only a mop-topped shock of hair on top.

Gragson joked, "I'm gonna put it right on black, baby," as he flashed an autographed \$100 bill from fellow NASCAR driver Austin Dillon as part the payout for the bet that the Legacy Motor Club driver would

get a bowl cut.

"Some say I lost a bet," Gragson said. "I think I won." He sure didn't win at Dover, finishing 34th because of an early wreck. Gragson hasn't finished better than 30th in any of his last five races.

HE SAID IT

"Probably needs to get his butt whooped," Brennan Poole after he was hit by Ross Chastain in a wreck that also took out Kyle Larson.

UP NEXT

NASCAR heads to Kansas Speedway. Kurt Busch won likely the last race of his career there after it was cut short because of a head injury suffered in a crash at Pocono last summer. Bubba Wallace won the fall race at the track. □

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